



# info memo – Feb. 9, 2007

City of Broken Arrow  
P.O. Box 610  
Broken Arrow, OK 74013  
[www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)

Keith Sterling  
**Director of Communications**  
Office: (918) 259-2400 x5309  
Mobile: (918) 851-0735  
[ksterling@brokenarrowok.gov](mailto:ksterling@brokenarrowok.gov)

## **City Council Candidates File**

The stage is set for the upcoming city council election in Broken Arrow.

In Ward 3, incumbent Tom Chatterton will face challengers Kimberly Fobbs and Mike Lester.

In Ward 4, Councilwoman Judi Myers is being opposed by Philip Tucker, Kevin Creaser and Kirk Walker.

For the At-Large seat, incumbent Wade McCaleb will face Linda Stilwell Lind and Jenifer McElyea.

The general election will be held April 3, 2007.

## **Park Program Honored by Red Cross**

The Broken Arrow Parks & Recreation Department has been honored by the Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross for its 2006 Learn to Swim program after more than 900 lessons were provided to area youngsters last summer.

In the past, swim lessons were given in the old Central Park Pool. That pool has been closed and filled in, adding more parking area around the Family Aquatic Center. This summer, lessons will be given at both the FAC at Central Park and the new pool which will be opening in Nienhuis Park (3201 No. 9<sup>th</sup> Street).

## **City Blood Drive Proves a Big Success**

Once again employees of the City of Broken Arrow stepped forward at a critical time for the American Red Cross, as 31 donors participated in a Feb. 7th blood drive in the Central Park Community Center.

The city holds six scheduled blood drives each year. The last one held in 2006 also brought in more than 30 donors.

## **Nienhuis Park Offers 'Creative Kids Art Camp'**

The city's Parks & Recreation Department will be holding a "Creative Kids Art Camp" March 19, 20 and 21 at the Nienhuis Park Community Center.

The program will be from 1 to 4 p.m. each of those three days (Monday through Wednesday), and will be taught by Natasha Perryman.

"The camp allows your children to enhance their creative activities with hands-on projects," she explains. Most of the projects can be completed during the three-day "camp." Nienhuis Park is located at 3201 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, between Albany and Omaha on the east side of Lynn Lane.

Cost of the program is \$60 per child, with a fee of \$45 for any additional siblings. Children 6 to 10, or kindergarten through fifth grade, may participate. You can sign up by going to the Nienhuis Park Community Center, calling 355-0287 or going on-line through the WebTrak link on the City's website ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)).

## **Weight Watchers Program Catching On at City**

Healthier employees are filling the halls at the City of Broken Arrow as the city teams up with "Weight Watchers" for a beneficial program.

There are currently 36 city participants, with the city paying 50 percent of the enrollment fee (\$88 for the city and \$88 for the employee). If the employee achieves and maintains goal weight for one year, the city will reimburse the other half of the fee to the participant. The second series begins Feb. 28th.

Jannette McCormick of the Human Resources Division says 34 of the original 36 participants are expected to continue, and "we expect 20 new members." The first group lost approximately 600 total pounds in 14 weeks, an average of nearly 16 pounds per employee. Three, have already lost 10 percent of initial body weight.

To be eligible, employees must be at least 15 pounds overweight. The meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and are counted as your regular lunch break. The city's cost is being reimbursed through the Health Insurance Fund.

### **Veteran City Inspector Murphy Retiring**

Walt Murphy, who's been an inspector with the city for the past 18 years, will be honored at a retirement party Friday, Feb. 16th, in the Development Services Conference Room on the north end of City Hall.

The reception will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., with friends welcome to join Murphy's fellow employees in saluting him.